# Iowa Department of Public Health Division of Acute Disease Prevention & Emergency Response Immunization Program

# Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS) Meaningful Use Frequently Asked Questions May 1, 2013

### Q: What is the website for IRIS data exchange specifications?

**A:** IRIS data exchange specifications are available under the Forms tab of IRIS at <a href="https://iris.iowa.gov">https://iris.iowa.gov</a>.

# Q: Where can I get assistance with test message creation?

**A:** Health care providers can review the IRIS Data Exchange Specifications, found under the Forms tab of IRIS at <a href="https://iris.iowa.gov">https://iris.iowa.gov</a>. Consultation with the electronic health record vendor may also be necessary. Health care providers can send an email message to <a href="mailto:imm.meaningfuluse@idph.iowa.gov">imm.meaningfuluse@idph.iowa.gov</a>.

### **Q**: How is the test message created?

**A**: Health care providers will most likely need to work with their electronic health record vendor to create a test message to submit to IRIS.

# Q: Once message is created, how is it submitted/transported?

**A:** Health care providers must complete the IRIS Meaningful Use Form and submit their test message to <a href="mailto:imm.meaningfuluse@idph.iowa.gov">imm.meaningfuluse@idph.iowa.gov</a>.

# Q: How will I be notified of message failure/success?

**A:** The Iowa Immunization Program will review the test message and provide written feedback via email. If the test message failed, the Program will provide information regarding why the message failed and assistance to submit a successful message.

#### Q: Does a failed test meet Stage 1 meaningful use?

A: Yes.

# Q: What will be the next steps following a successful submission?

**A:** The Iowa Immunization Program will bring providers on board for ongoing data exchange with IRIS based on immunization volume and IDPH resources available for onboarding.

# Q: What costs could be associated with the onboarding process?

**A:** There is no cost applied by the Iowa Immunization Program to complete the onboarding process. However, a health care provider may incur costs from their electronic health record (EHR) vendor.

#### Q: I am a specialty clinic that does not administer immunizations, how do I exclude?

**A:** An eligible professional (EP), eligible hospital (EH) or critical access hospital (CAH) who does not administer immunizations during the EHR reporting period may receive an exclusion from reporting immunizations. For EP exclusion information, refer to page 44568 of the CMS Final Rules, 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 495.6(e)(9)(iii).